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GEORGE WASHINGTON'S ARRIVAL  
IN WOODBRIDGE TOWNSHIP



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Ralph Mocci  
and  
Sam Halpern

# INTRODUCTION . . .

Although there will most likely be a commemoration of the adoption of the Bill of Rights Constitutional Amendments, for most of us, the George Washington Inaugural Bicentennial, celebrating the 200th Anniversary of Washington's arrival in Woodbridge Township on his journey from Mt. Vernon, will mark the end of a larger journey of remembrance back to the beginning of the American Bicentennial in 1775.

For almost a year, Woodbridge Township has been preparing to recreate the traditional welcome given to Washington all along his route to New York. The many long hours of hard work by the Woodbridge Township Commission on the Bicentennial of the United States Constitution has made many events possible. I take this opportunity to thank them for their fine work.

A Bicentennial Celebration should be a fun project for all concerned. Through its varied activities we make new friends. In celebrating our Community we become more interested in its affairs. In Woodbridge Township, we have placed a special emphasis on involving our Community's young people in the event. Through a poster and an essay contest, the elementary school visitation of George Washington and several historical contemporaries, the April 22 band concert and Inaugural *Cantata*, we have enjoyed the participation of our young people.

Through a carefully planned publicity campaign handled primarily by the President of the Historical Association of Woodbridge Township, John P. O'Connor, Jr., we have raised the awareness of the entire State of New Jersey to the importance of the occasion we are honoring. The Historical Association obtained a special grant, offered for the first time by the New Jersey Historical Commission, to publish the souvenir Program. Additionally, we have prepared a commemorative poster, a coin, a cachet with special postal cancellation, and several historic markers erected to acknowledge Washington's place in our Community's history.

Our events have included the Inaugural Running Races on April 22, 1989 open to all ages and circumstances. They have also included a special George Washington Exhibit "First In The Hearts of His Countrymen" sponsored by the Cultural Arts Commission at the Barron Art Center.

I especially wish to acknowledge Robert Albertson and Vincent S. Smith as well as the entire Municipal Government and staff. Dr. Fredric Buonocore and the staff of the Woodbridge Township School District; the Girl Scouts and Brownie Troops of Woodbridge Township; the staff of the Barron Art Center, Woodbridge; and the many financial donors as evidenced by this Ad Journal. Please support them as they have supported our community.

As we honor our heritage and mark the present, we now focus our attention on the future of our community, state, and nation. Congratulations on the Bicentennial of the Inauguration of Our First President, George Washington.

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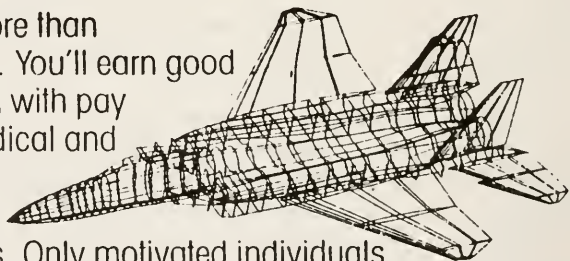
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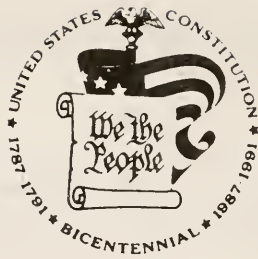
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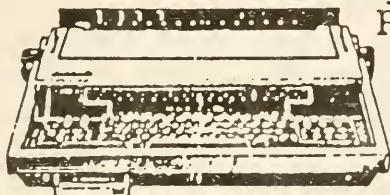
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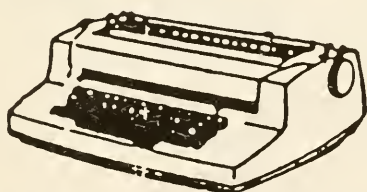
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George Washington had good reason to stay in Woodbridge at John Mannings Cross Keys Tavern on April 22nd, 1789 on his way to New York City to be Inaugurated as the first President of the United States of America, and that was to enjoy an evening with old friends and comrades in arms.

As you look into the history of Woodbridge, you find that General George Washington held the militiamen known as the "Jersey Blues" in very high esteem, as they held the inner line of defense before Washington's own winter headquarters at Valley Forge and held meetings regularly at two homes in Woodbridge, the Timothy Bloomfield home and the James Gilman home.

Washington also knew Doctor Moses Bloomfield, a resident of Woodbridge, who was the senior physician and surgeon in the hospital of the United States, and a representative in the Provincial Congress and General Assembly during the Revolutionary War.

The Reverend Azel Roe, pastor of the First Presbyterian Church of Woodbridge (the old white Church) located on Rahway Avenue, led a detachment of Woodbridge Militia against the British and after being captured was taken to the infamous Sugar House Prison in New York City. Washington made Zebulon Pike a Captain in the Revolutionary War, personally signing his commission while Janet Pike Gage, a patriot, raised the first Liberty Flag Pole in front of the Cross Keys Tavern in Woodbridge.

Colonel Nathaniel Heard, commander of the First Regiment Middlesex County Militia of Woodbridge, lead Heards Battalion to Perth Amboy where he arrested William Franklin, the last Royal Governor of New Jersey.

It should be pointed out that during the Revolutionary War times, Woodbridge comprised the towns of Carteret, Rahway, New Dover, Oak Tree, Bonhamtown, Metuchen, Milton, Avenel, Colonia, Iselin, Menlo Park, Fords, Hopelawn, Keasbey, Sewaren, Port Reading, Edison, and Woodbridge Proper, with a population of over 2,000, which was quite large for the 18th Century.

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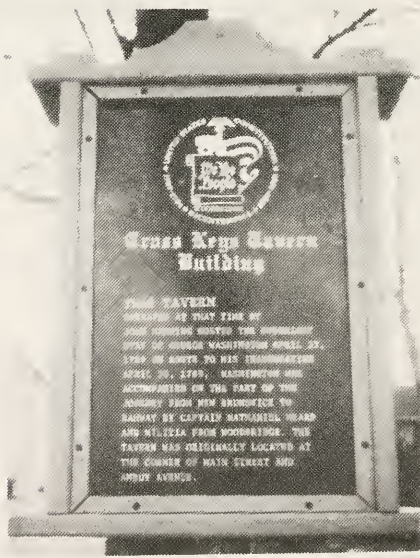
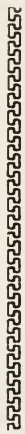
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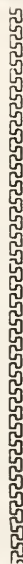


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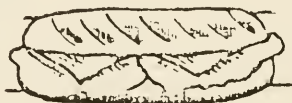
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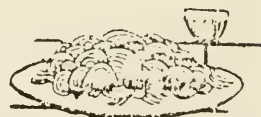
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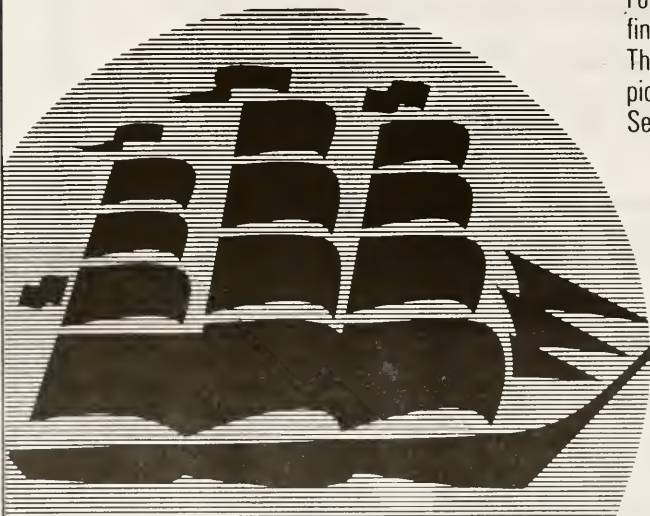
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In addition to the cachet, a coin is also available. The coin contains an artists rendition of the Cross Keys Tavern logo taken from a 1794 original watercolor depicting the tavern painted by Archibald Robertson.

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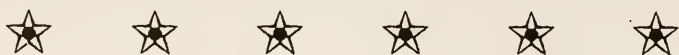


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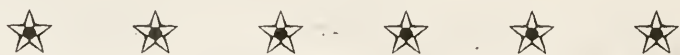
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